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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Altenburg

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1. Prior to 6 February 1952, the Alte Kaserne on the east side of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg (N 51/K 27), quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted] the barracks 25X1 buildings were not occupied to capacity. Six officers and about 40 men were seen practicing with 8 x 152-mm gun-howitzers of model 37 and 2 x 100-mm AT guns of model 44 behind the barracks installation on 4 February. Thirty more soldiers with spades were seen marching toward the aforementioned artillery pieces, and 50 more soldiers were seen in the billeting area, apparently not on duty. Eleven 152-mm gun-howitzers of model 37 and 3 x 100-mm AT guns of model 44 were seen behind the installation on 6 February. The crew of each artillery piece consisted of 1 officer and 6 to 8 men on an average. Two soldiers were seen dragging a wooden tank, about 60 cm high and 50 cm wide, across the billeting area. Vehicles seen standing behind the installation included 3 or 4 tractors, 2 armored vehicles which resembled the amphibious cars of the former German Armed Forces, 1 command car and sedan [redacted] a truck carrying 20 soldiers and 25X1 towing a model ZIS- 3 x 76.2-mm field gun stood at the barracks gate on 8 February.

2. Prior to 6 February, the Neue Kaserne on the west side of Leipziger Strasse quartered an undetermined number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, about half of them with artillery insignia. A total of 4 officers and 104 men were counted on 6 February. [redacted] some of the troops 25X1 from the installation were away from the post. Units which were seen marching into the Neue Kaserne from the direction of the drill field on 6 February included: a unit of 1 captain and 15 men with red-bordered black epaulets; a second unit of 1 lieutenant colonel, 2 NCOs and 24 men; and a third unit of 1 lieutenant colonel, 1 other officer, 1 sergeant major and 12 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried practice targets. About 50 soldiers were seen scattered over the billeting area. [redacted] 25X1

3. Prior to 15 February, the Neue Kaserne quartered about 600 troops, including about 400 recruits, all of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets. No regular training activity was noticed. [redacted] 25X1

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4. Prior to 15 February, the Alte Kaserne quartered about 750 troops, including about 150 recruits, all of whom wore red-bordered black epauletts. The two one-family houses near the southeastern corner of the billeting area were occupied by two Soviet lieutenant colonels, apparently without dependents. Two platoons of about 40 men each sang while marching around the barracks yard on 14 February.

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* [] The present report, including the gun calibers [] confirms the 2 barracks installations in Altenburg as quartering components of the 43rd (Sds) Army Arty Brig of the Eighth Sds Army, and components of the 30th (?) AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Sds Rifle Corps. [] that not all of the units were at the post by early February 1952 was supported by a [] unit leaving Altenburg by rail on 25 January 1952. []

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